Enterprise and Innovation Committee

(a standing committee of the Senate)

Terms of reference

1. To develop and recommend the University’s knowledge exchange, enterprise, innovation and commercialisation strategy to Senate for approval.

2. To look for opportunities to enhance the University’s performance in these areas, forge strong links to the research endeavour and act as forum for discussion of these areas.

3. To promote knowledge exchange, innovation and commercialisation within the University and oversee its affective advertisement externally.

4. To ensure that the University’s strategy and implementation in this area adopts best practice and adapts to international, national and regional initiatives maximising the benefit to the University.

5. To horizon scan for new opportunities relating to knowledge exchange or commercialisation activities.

6. To develop an innovative and effective IP commercialisation strategy.

7. To advise the Deputy Chief Executive (Operations) on the requirements of the administrative support structure to ensure opportunities in knowledge exchange, innovation and commercialisation activities are optimised.

8. To act as a focal point for the development and recommendation (to the appropriate body/person) of large scale, institutionally significant bids for external funding in the area covered by the Committee.

9. To: (a) provide advice to the University Planning and Resources Group on prioritising the allocation of innovation funding (e.g. HEIF) with cross reference to the Engagement Committee; and (b) to monitor and report to the appropriate external bodies as required of any such funding.

10. To recommend the definition and adoption of a series of performance indicators to track university performance in this area for approval by Senate, for onward report to Council.

Committee Composition

(ex officio)

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) (in the Chair)
Director of Research, Enterprise and Innovation
President, Students’ Union
appropriate Associate Dean or equivalent person from each Faculty
one additional academic member from each Faculty nominated by the Dean
a relevant staff member appointed by the Vice-Chancellor
two members of Council

up to two co-opted external members with relevant professional expertise, but so as to ensure relevant cohorts are represented (e.g. business development managers)

Head of Partnerships and Business Engagement

Procedure

Three meetings shall be held each year, one in each term.